## Dignity Bill Gets Shot Down

(continued from front page) on the bill more quickly, and it was assigned to several committees there.

If a bill is not passed by one branch of Congress within 60 days after January 22, it is essentially killed.

Because this happened to the Dignity Act, it now can't be resubmitted again until 2003.

groups and conservatives, but it gained Palazzo, the co-chair of the Gay, Lesbian and strong support and endorsements from the Straight Education Network of Greater Fort Florida PTA, Attorney General Bob Lauderdale. "The solution should be for our Butterworth, Education Commissioner Charlie policymakers at the state and local level to Crist, the Broward County Commission, the back school boards that demonstrate a Florida Education Association, Florida NOW, commitment to ensuring that absolutely no a number of NAACP chapters and others.

students from all over Florida gathered at the name-calling on a daily basis. Our next steps state capitol to show their support for the should come from the voices of our Act as part of the Equality of Florida Youth community members who request that local Lobby Day. The students were able to meet Broward County School Board members pass with 90 legislators out of 160 from both parties, GLSEN's partnership agreement and keep all and they participated in a press conference young people learning and living in a safe, and luncheon.

The bill was raised at a time when the environment."

Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network reports that 70 percent of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students report experiencing some kind of harassment in schools, and more than 90 percent of these students say that they hear anti-gay comments on a daily basis.

"It is truly a sad day in Tallahassee as the legislature effectively turned their backs The bill faced opposition from anti-gay on students being harassed," says De student should experience bias, in this case On February 18, over 100 gay and lesbian [gay] youth who experience harassment and respectful and dignified learning

## Manors Police Seek Suspect

(continued from fron page) Miguel Santos

Bigelsen says Santos is not a suspect in the crime and is cooperating in the investigation.

Santos had been out of country visiting family during the last several weeks and was "heartbroken" and 'crushed" when told of the news by police. He returned back to Florida on Thursday evening.

On Friday, Busey's next of kin, a niece Thursday or Friday of last week. in Virginia, was located and notified of the death.

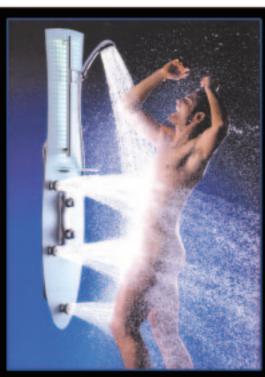
Neither the niece nor Santos had any ideas as to who could have committed the 954.390.2150, or CrimeStoppers at heinous crime.

Bigelsen says a few of the residents at the condo complex have given police their descriptions of a man who had been at Busey's apartment the weekend before the murder occurred. He could not give further details at this point in the investigation.

A team of detectives are now working on the case, and official autopsy reports have not yet been released.

Busey was last seen alive on

Anyone with information relative to the homicide is asked to call Wilton Manors Police Detective Danny James at 954.493.TIPS.



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